cover in the country has decreased from 64.2 million ha. to 64.01 million ha. between the period 1981—83 and 1985—87.

(c) The estimated growing stock of wood in the country is 4196 million cu. m. The growing stock per hectare of the actual forest cover works out at about 65 cu. m. which compares poorly with the world average of 110 cu.m. per hectare.

(d) and (e) The National Forest Policy, 1988 stipulated that a minimum of one third of the total geographical area should be under forest or tree cover and to achieve this national goal a massive afforestation and social forestry programmes, especially on all denuded and degraded lands are under implementation involving village communities and voluntary organisations as well.

Government has also contemplated a 10 years National Forestry Action Plan for conservation and development of forest resources and this plan is under preparation for each State/Union Territory with chief objective of bringing about socio-economic development and environmental stability.

Project Report on Polavanam Multipurpose Project

973. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted up-dated project report on Polavanam Multi-purpose Project in 1990;

(b) whether Government have examined the Project Report;

(c) whether there is any Inter-State water dispute relating to this Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (d) After examination, the Report submitted in July, 1990 was seen, among others, to be wanting in basic issues like establishing water availability for the project and concurrence of basin States allowing submergence in their territories. The Report was, therefore, returned to the State Government for compliance and modification.

Reports of various bodies to reduce road accidents

974. SHRI CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the reports submitted by various bodies to Government on reducing road accidents during the last two years;

(b) the details of recommendations made in those reports and the action taken thereon so far;

(c) what is the present operational efficiency of various State Transport Undertakings including DTC; and

(d) the number of trips missed on various DTC routes during the last two years, year-wise and route-wise so far and what steps have been taken/are being taken to revamp the DTC and to improve its managerial/maintenance efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The Central Government have not appointed any Committee or body during the last two years to go into the question of reducing road accidents. A statement indicating the main recommendations of the National Road Safety Council and the action taken thereon is annexed.